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SUBJECT: BEIRUT SITREP - 1800 JUL 1

1. HEAVY FIRING BROKE OUT IN EAST BEIRUT AT 1600 HOURS LOCAL TIME JULY 1. AREAS OF BEIRUT MOST AFFECTED APPEAR TO BE ASHRAFIYYAH, AIN RUMANEH, SHIAH AND TAYUNI CIRCLE. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHO IS SHOOTING AT WHOM, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUT ASSUME CONTESTANTS ARE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS AND SYRIAN ADF FORCES. WEAPONS BEING USED INCLUDE SMALL ARMS, ARTILLERY, TANK FIRE AND MORTARS. TWO ROUNDS LANDED IN RAS BEIRUT BUT WE BELIEVE THEY WERE OVERSHOTS; BULK OF FIRING SEEMS TO BE CONFINED TO EAST BEIRUT. AS OF 1800 HOURS FIRING WAS STILL GOING ON.

2. LOCAL MURABITUN RADIO (LEBANESE SUNNI LEFTIST) HAS REPORTED THAT BASHIR GEMAYEL HAS BEEN ARRESTED BY THE SYRIANS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS STORY AND WIRE SERVICES CONSIDER IT TOO UNCERTAIN TO GO WITH. WIRE SERVICES ARE REPORTING, HOWEVER, THAT 12 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN AIN RUMANEH. WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO REPORTS THAT ANY AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE BEEN HURT.

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